

Rensselaer, December 23rd 1888

Miss Drexel

Dear Madam:

As Christmas is approaching I think it my duty to send you some lines wishing you and your Kind Sisters a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May the Infant Jesus bestow his choicest blessing upon you, grant you health and strength that you may continue to be the good Mother of the Orphans, especially of the poor Indian children, and that the great work you have founded will last for numbers of years to come. In this way you will one day receive the reward and crown of a true Missionary who saved many souls for the Kingdom of Heaven. All the sisters here join in my wishes for you and will all remember you in our prayers. In the house, everything is going on as usual. I suppose Rev. Stephan has told you. It is only to be wished for that there was a qualified man here for the boys to keep them in good control. Rev. Father Willard is to go. It is pretty hard to keep the house clean though we scrub and wash a great deal, yet we hope it will become better by and by. The boys are too big to be kept in order by the sisters, some man would do better. We hope that you will always assist and help us with your advise and ear. The ice house is nearly finished, so we have room for baking and washing.

Concluding I renew my sincere wishes.

Yours, Very respectfully,

Sister M. Cecile

per Sister M. Ida